

# THE FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE @ CHERRY LAKE TREE FARM



## 2009-2010 PROGRAM POLICIES

- **Registration:** Each school must complete and submit a registration form annually before being able to participate in Challenge options. Forms should be sent to Cherry Lake Tree Farm via mail, fax, email or drop off.
- **Forms:** Each registered school must submit one completed entry form for each of the Challenge options they complete, not each individual student entry. Each entry form should have the school's and students' names clearly written.
- **Honor Code:** All work submitted as Challenge entries must be completed by students only. Participants are expected to follow a strict honor code. All work must be original or quoted from a reference source. Plagiarism will result in disqualification of work submitted by the student(s) involved.
- **Submissions:** Schools should encourage as many students as possible to attempt each option. Schools may submit fewer than the maximum number of entries allowed per school; however, in order to earn as many points as possible, schools should strive for the maximum number.
- **Deadlines:** Challenge entries must be received at Cherry Lake by the published deadline; these due dates are final. Entries should be dropped off or mailed; submitting entries by fax is discouraged.
- **Judging:** Panelists judge entries using evaluation rubrics that reflect the criteria listed in the specific requirements for each option. All results are final. While scores will be released, score sheets will not be shared.
- **Scores:** Schools will receive only their option scores throughout the school year; scores and rankings of other schools will not be released. Final results will be announced at the awards ceremony.
- **Awards & Recognition:** All schools that participate in the Fairchild Challenge are recognized. Schools earning more than 400 points in one school year will receive the Fairchild Challenge Award. The top-scoring school will be awarded \$500 to support their environmental programs.
- **Liability:** Cherry Lake is not responsible for any materials lost, stolen or damaged. Student entries may be picked up immediately after the awards ceremony; any unclaimed entries will become the property of Cherry Lake and will either be used as samples or discarded.
- **Consent:** Schools consent to Cherry Lake Tree Farms unrestricted use of any student work. Student entries and names may be exhibited and/or published by CLTF. CLTF must be notified in writing of any exceptions.